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Letter dated 11 November 1998 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government and further to my letter dated 6 November 1998 (A/53/649-S/1998/1048), I have the honour to draw Your Excellency's attention to new violations of the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus and of the flight information region (FIR) of Nicosia by military aircraft of the Turkish Air Force, recorded on 10 November 1998.

On that day two C-130 military aircraft of the Turkish Air Force entered the northern Nicosia FIR, violating international air traffic regulations. The aircraft in question violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus and landed at the illegal airport of Lefkoniko in the occupied area of the Republic before returning back to the Ankara FIR on the same day.

As stated in my previous letters, such unauthorized intrusions into the Nicosia FIR and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus are in violation of international air traffic rules and, at the same time, they are in contravention of the provisions of the Security Council resolutions on Cyprus which state that such overflights increase tension on the island and undermine efforts towards achieving a final settlement.

On behalf of the Government of the Republic of Cyprus, I wish to strongly protest these new provocative acts by Turkey against the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Cyprus. The frequency and intensity of airspace violations are a further reminder of Turkey's offensive disregard of international law, the Charter of the United Nations and all the relevant decisions of the Organization on the question of Cyprus.

Furthermore, these continuing overflights by the Turkish Air Force, as well as the presence of the Turkish military occupation forces on the island, constitute the underlying causes of tension in Cyprus.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 62, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Sotos ZACKHEOS
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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1. The Group of 77 and China, having received the proposals by the Secretary-General contained in document A/53/374 on the use of the resources available under section 34, Development Account, of the programme budget for the biennium 1998–1999, and recalling paragraph 6 of resolution 52/235 of 26 June 1998 on the utilization of the Development Account, has decided that the highest amount of resources appropriated under section 34 of the current programme budget should be used to fund new projects clearly related to development priorities set in the medium-term plan. The following criteria should guide the formulation of new projects:

(a) Projects should have a multiplier effect and promote capacity-building only for developing countries, responding to their needs and priorities;

(b) Projects should promote regional and interregional economic and technical cooperation among developing countries;

(c) Projects should complement and not substitute for existing programme activities;

(d) Projects should relate to new activities not already mandated under the programme budget;

(e) Projects should not involve transfer of resources from the regular budget to extra-budgetary activities.

2. The Group has also decided that the resources appropriated under section 34 of the current programme budget should also be used for financing of new activities in the areas of South-South cooperation to be carried out within the regular budget of the United Nations and to include the participation of institutions active in South-South cooperation, and, in this context, the Group has requested the Secretary-General to seek the views of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on this matter.

3. The Group would also like to request the Secretary-General to review and reformulate, as appropriate, the proposals contained in document A/53/374 so as to ensure full conformity

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with the criteria set in paragraph 1 above; and, in this context, the Group commends the activities envisaged in the project proposals (a), (b), (d) and (e).

4. The Group, therefore, requests the Secretary-General to prepare another report, not later than March 1999, on the utilization of the Development Account for the biennium 1998–1999 for submission to the General Assembly for consideration, taking fully into account the views expressed above.

5. On behalf of the Group of 77 and China, I would appreciate if you could arrange for the present letter to be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under agenda items 93 and 113.

(*Signed*) Makarim **Wibisono**
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Letter dated 11 November 1998 from the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter dated 11 November 1998, addressed to you by His Excellency Mr. Aytuğ Plümer, Representative of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (see annex).

I should be grateful if the text of the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 62, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Volkan VURAL
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

Letter dated 11 November 1998 from Mr. Aytuğ Plümer addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to refer to the letters dated 19, 20, 23, 26 and 28 October and 2 and 6 November 1998 addressed to you by the Greek Cypriot delegate at the United Nations, which contain allegations regarding "violations of the airspace of the Republic and of the flight information region of Nicosia" (A/53/527-S/1998/979, A/53/535-S/1998/988, A/53/542-S/1998/1001, A/53/547-S/1998/1006, A/53/562-S/1998/1022, A/53/571-S/1998/1027 and A/53/649-S/1998/1048).

As similar unfounded allegations of so-called airspace violations have been rejected in toto in our previous communications addressed to you, most recently in my letter dated 19 October 1998 (A/53/520-S/1998/974), I will confine myself to reiterating that flights within the sovereign airspace of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus take place with the full knowledge and consent of the appropriate authorities of the State. The Greek Cypriot administration has no jurisdiction, control or authority whatsoever over the national territory, airspace or flight information region of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus.

The latest flurry of letters from the Greek Cypriot side comes as part of its ongoing intensified campaign of blatant misinformation on the Cyprus issue. Whatever tactics the Greek Cypriot side chooses to employ in order to disseminate false and misleading propaganda at the United Nations and elsewhere, its hostile intentions are in evidence given its ongoing anachronistic policies as well as its massive rearmament campaign directed against the Turkish Cypriot side within the context of the Joint Military Doctrine with Greece.

From 20 to 25 October 1998, Greek Cypriot National Guard units took part in the "Nikiforos-Toxotis" military manoeuvres jointly with Greek air force and naval units in a provocative show of force in and around South Cyprus. Greek Cypriot political and military leadership issued provocative statements while air force and naval units engaged in manoeuvres, using live ammunition, which pronounced the element of offence in order to "capture occupied territories". In an extreme provocation, apart from Greek fighter planes being deployed at the Paphos military airbase, on 25 October 1998, four military aircraft belonging to the Greek Air Force violated our national airspace, thus exacerbating the already tense situation created by the militant acts of the Greek-Greek Cypriot camp.

On the last day of the joint military manoeuvres, the Greek Cypriot leader, Glafkos Clerides, announced that the plans for the construction of a naval base at Zyghi in South Cyprus were finalized. The Greek Cypriot Defence Minister Mr. Omirou also confirmed that infrastructural work for the construction of the base was under way.

The Greek Cypriot militarization campaign has reached unprecedented levels which clearly threaten peace and stability in the island and the region. It is

incumbent upon the international community to caution the Greek Cypriot leadership strongly in connection with its aggressive and provocative behaviour. The Greek Cypriot side must be urged to move onto the path of reconciliation and to assist efforts towards confidence-building between the two States.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 62, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Aytuğ PLÜMER
Representative
Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus

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